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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF DR. BLATCHFORD

1. MFA HAS INFORMED EMBASSY OF TRAVEL DR. BLATCHFORD, CONSULTANT, HOUSE SCIENCE COMM., TO NZ TO STUDY GEO-THERMAL POWER PRODUCTION. FOLLOWING PROGRAM HAS BEEN ARRANGED BY MFA:

JAN 8--MEETINGS WITH MIN WORKS, ELECTRICITY DEPT. AND DSIR PERSONNEL IN WELLINGTON.

JAN 9 -- VISIT WAIRAKIE POWER STATION. MEET WITH STATION AND CHIEF SCIENTIST.

JAN 10 -- VISIT DR HENSHALL IN AUCKLAND. HENSHALL IS KNOWN TO BLATCHFORD.

2. HAVE BOOKED FOLLOWING RESERVATIONS FOR TRAVEL IN NZ

JAN 8 - DEP CHRISTCHURCH 0715 VIA NAC 440.

ARR WELLINGTON 0815.

JAN 8 - DEP WELLINGTON 1705 VIA NAC 886. ARR.

TAUPO (15 MINUTES FROM WAIRAKIE) 1815.

JAN 9. - DEP TAUPO 1830 VIA NAC 886. ARR AUCKLAND 1945.

3. AWAITING CONFIRMATION HOTEL BOOKINGS TAUPO AND AUCKLAND. WILL ADVISE. WHAT IS DR. BLATCHFORDS DESTINATION AFTER AUCKLAND.

4 VISIT TAKES PLACE DURING PEAK OF NZ SUMMER HOLIDAY SEASON. AS RESULT, NUMBER OF OFFICIALS, INCLUDING DR. COLIN MAIDEN, NOT AVAILABLE. BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT APPOINTMENTS LINED UP BY MFA WILL BE UNCLASSIFIED

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USEFUL AND THAT FRUITFUL DISCUSSIONS CAN BE HELD IN

WELLINGTON, WAIRAKIE, AND AUCKLAND. CONTROL OFFICER
THOMAS J. WAJDA WILL BE ON ANTARTICA TRIP WITH
BLATCHFORD.
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